NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Madeleine Clayton 05/30/2002 Departmental Forms Clearance Officer Office of the Chief Information Officer 14th and Constitution Ave. NW. Room 6086 Washington, DC 20230

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of a revision of an information collection received on 03/20/2002.

TITLE: Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION: APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0052

EXPIRATION DATE: 11/30/2004

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	770,504	34,887	0
New	770,504	34,887	0
Difference	0	0	0
Program C	Change	0	0
Adjustmer	nt	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

OMB Authorizing Official Title

Donald R. Arbuckle Deputy Administrator, Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's

Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. 1. Agency/Subagency originating request 2. OMB control number b. [] None 3. Type of information collection (*check one*) Type of review requested (check one) Regular submission a. [b. [Emergency - Approval requested by ____ a. [] New Collection Delegated b. [] Revision of a currently approved collection c. [] Extension of a currently approved collection 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [] Yes [] No d. [] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. [] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired 6. Requested expiration date f. [] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number a. [] Three years from approval date b. [] Other Specify: For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions 7. Title 8. Agency form number(s) (if applicable) 9. Keywords 10. Abstract 11. Affected public (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x") 12. Obligation to respond (check one) a. __Individuals or households d. ___Farms
b. __Business or other for-profite. ___Federal Government] Voluntary Business or other for-profite. Federal Government

Not-for-profit institutions f. State, Local or Tribal Government Required to obtain or retain benefits 1 Mandatory 13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of a. Number of respondents b. Total annual responses a. Total annualized capital/startup costs 1. Percentage of these responses b. Total annual costs (O&M) collected electronically c. Total annualized cost requested c. Total annual hours requested d. Current OMB inventory d. Current OMB inventory e. Difference e. Difference f. Explanation of difference f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change 1. Program change 2. Adjustment 2. Adjustment 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (check all that apply) 15. Purpose of information collection (Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X") a. [] Recordkeeping b. [] Third party disclosure] Reporting a. ___ Application for benefits Program planning or management 1. [] On occasion 2. [] Weekly Program evaluation f. Research 3. [] Monthly General purpose statistics g. Regulatory or compliance 4. [] Quarterly 5. [] Semi-annually 6. [] Annually 7. [] Biennially 8. [] Other (describe) 18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding 17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods the content of this submission) [] Yes [] No Phone:

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19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee Date

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Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)			
Signature	Date		
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer			
Signature	Date		

SUPPORTING STATEMENT MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERY STATISTICS SURVEY OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0052

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

The Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (Survey) is approved under OMB control number 0648-0052. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is issuing a proposed rule to implement Amendment 14 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (Amendment 14) and Amendment 20 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (Amendment 20). The proposed rule would establish mandatory responses to voluntary charter vessel/headboat telephone interviews for vessels fishing in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) for Gulf of Mexico reef fish, or Gulf of Mexico coastal migratory pelagics, which requires revision to 0648-0052. Charter vessels not fishing for the above listed species, but fishing for other species, are unaffected by the change.

The mandatory reporting requirement (program change) is part of a moratorium on the issuance of charter vessel or headboat (for-hire) permits for the reef fish fishery and coastal migratory pelagics fishery. The request for approval of the other data collections associated with the moratorium (i.e., excepting the mandatory reporting requirement) is being submitted separately.

The rationale for the mandatory reporting requirement follows. Due to the voluntary nature of the current telephone interviews, some persons (non-reporters) refuse to participate. This causes NMFS to select another potential respondent, without obtaining any information from the nonreporter, until the required number of responses is obtained. As a result of these refusals, the database is incomplete and provides an incorrect assessment of fishing effort. Incorrect assessments impact the resource and fishery, and may result in either (1) insufficient regulation leading to inadequate resource protection, or (2) excessive regulation leading to unnecessary reductions in harvest limits. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) determined that their proposed mandatory reporting requirement will allow NMFS to obtain accurate data from those currently refusing to participate but wanting to retain (renew) their permits, and thereby would provide correct assessments of fishing effort. Although the overall number of successful responses would not change compared to status quo, the database will provide a more comprehensive and more accurate assessment of the fishery. These benefits will thereby lead to better management of the resource and the fishery. The requirement was developed through extensive interactions with a wide range of industry participants and advisory groups. Based on this information, NMFS supports the mandatory reporting requirement.

The mandatory responses to voluntary charter vessel/headboat telephone interviews require a revision to 0648-0052, and therefore are addressed within this document. This requires

corresponding changes to several of the associated reporting forms (attached). No other changes to previously approved Survey data collections are proposed herein.

Collection of these data remains necessary to fulfill statutory requirements of Section 303 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852 et. seq.; attached to previous 0648-0052 submittals), to meet administrative requirements of the NMFS Marine Recreational Fishery Policy (attached to previous 0648-0052 submittals), and to comply with Executive Order 12962 on Recreational Fisheries (attached to previous 0648-0052 submittals). Section 303 (a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifies data and analyses to be included in Fishery Management Plans (FMP's), as well as pertinent data which shall be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce under the plan. Recommendation One of the NMFS Marine Recreational Fishery (MRF) Policy focuses on developing "a comprehensive data acquisition and analysis system (participation, catch, effort and socio-economic data) on a regular, continuing basis."

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.

The data generated from the mandatory reporting provision, along with the other data components of the Survey, will be used by NMFS, regional fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and state fishery agencies in developing, implementing and monitoring fishery management programs. Those agencies have expressed support in ensuring that the mandatory reporting requirement is implemented in an appropriate manner. The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission is the grantee and will be conducting the surveys. NMFS has obtained assurance from the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission that pertinent data will be transferred to NMFS as needed in a timely basis. The data from that provision, compared to the voluntary reporting, will be used by the same persons and for the same purposes that were detailed in the previous 0648-0052 documents. Unquantifiable benefits (i.e., better management of the resource and fishery) will accrue due to more comprehensive and complete data reporting.

3. <u>Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.</u>

Information responding to this item was included in previous 0648-0052 submittals, is unchanged as a result of this program change, and therefore is not repeated here.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

Information regarding duplication was provided in previous 0648-0052 submittals and is unchanged as a result of this program change. The changes to the Survey, as described herein, create no duplication beyond that justified in the previous 0648-0052 documents.

5. <u>If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe</u> the methods used to minimize burden.

The mandatory reporting provision does not in itself affect the methods used to minimize burden. Those methods are described in the previous 0648-0052 documents.

6. <u>Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is</u> not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

The program change will not affect the frequency that the survey is conducted. The renewal document describes the deleterious consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

The collection is consistent with OMB guidelines.

8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

The notice of availability of Amendment 14 and Amendment 20 includes a request for comments on this data collection. The proposed rule also includes a notice of and request for comments on this data collection.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and South Atlantic Fishery Management Council developed the mandatory reporting requirement through extensive consultation with a wide spectrum of industry participants who expressed their support for that requirement.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payments nor gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors, are given under this program.

10. <u>Describe any assurance or confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy</u>.

As described in previous 0648-0052 documents, responses are Privacy Act records and are included in the Commerce/NOAA-6: Fisherman's Statistical Data system of records. Collection,

handling and disposition of data remain consistent with NAO 216-100: Confidential Fisheries Statistics.

11. <u>Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.</u>

No sensitive questions are asked.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Based on the following information, the estimates provided in Item #12 of the renewal document are unchanged by the mandatory reporting provisions proposed herein. Regarding the telephone survey, NMFS estimates that 13,520 respondents fishing for Gulf of Mexico reef fish, or Gulf of Mexico coastal migratory pelagics would be subject to the mandatory reporting requirement. Those respondents are estimated to provide 13,520 responses annually; at 7.0 min. per response, this results in an estimate of 1,570 burden hours total hours per year. However, because the data needs are unchanged by the mandatory reporting change, the overall number of respondents, responses and burden hours remains the same.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection.

These data collections will incur no cost burden on respondents beyond the costs of response time previously provided in 0648-0052 submittals.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

Re-drafting the appropriate Survey documents would be a one-time effort of apparent minimal consequence and would be conducted under normal routine maintenance. Copies are prepared as needed and no stock copies would have to be discarded and replaced. The actual survey is CATI (computer) assisted and would not require replacement of hardcopy documents. Other costs associated with the data collection programs would remain unchanged. Annual cost to the Federal government is unchanged by the mandatory reporting requirement, and remains at approximately \$4.5 million divided as follows: \$4.0 million in contract award money and \$500,000 in professional staff, overhead and computing costs.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

The mandatory reporting requirement (program change) does not affect the number of respondents, responses, burden time, or costs. As a result, no program changes or adjustments are reported in Items 13 or 14.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

The plans for tabulation and publication, as described in the previous 0648-0052 documents, are unchanged by the mandatory reporting requirement.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

N/A.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

There are no exceptions.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.

The previous 0648-0052 documents provided a general description of the Survey Methodology which is essentially unchanged by the mandatory reporting requirement.

2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

Survey procedures (excepting minor wording changes to the attached forms) were described in the previous 0648-0052 documents, are unchanged by the program change, and therefore are not repeated here.

3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with non-response. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

As described in previous 0648-0052 submittals, intensive interviewer training and tested methodological approaches are employed to maximize response rates. The mandatory reporting requirement is expected to further maximize response rates to a small degree. This will require advance changes to the survey methods to ensure proper notification of the participants who are affected by the program change. The revised survey forms are attached. The survey techniques will ensure that such participants are advised in advance of the severe consequences (i.e., non-renewal) of non-reporting. NMFS will work with the participating fisheries agencies to ensure that these program changes are done in a timely and appropriate manner. Those agencies already have expressed their support of the program change and will provide timely information on non-reporters in compliance with the Privacy Act. Non-reporting for the charter vessel owners will be addressed through NMFS' non-renewal of those permits. The program change is not expected to require other changes to these procedures, as refusal rates for the telephone surveys have rarely exceeded five percent during the 23 years of the Survey. Therefore, the unchanged portions of the methodology are not repeated here.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.

As indicated in previous 0648-0052 submittals, more than 24 years of testing, methodological research, and professional experience in survey work were used in formulating the present methodology.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

Contact information was provided with the previous 0648-0052 submittals, is unchanged by the program change, and therefore is not repeated here.

The collection of surveys that comprise the Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (OMB No. 0648-0052) are being conducted primarily to obtain accurate representation of marine recreational fishing effort and catch. The information collected will be used to calculate unbiased estimates of the numbers of fishing trips taken, as well as the numbers and species composition of finfish caught, by marine recreational anglers. Supplemental surveys are being conducted to collect biological data needed to determine the size, age, and gender composition of catch of certain species, as well as economic data needed to accurately assess both the economic values and economic impacts of marine recreational fishing for certain finfish species. Such statistics are required for accurate assessment and effective management of marine fishery stocks. Information collected by these surveys is authorized under the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Your participation in these surveys is voluntary, unless you have a federal charter/headboat fishing permit for the Gulf of Mexico reef fish and/or Gulf of Mexico coastal migratory pelagic fisheries. That permit would be not renewed if you refuse participation. Your responses will be treated as confidential records under the Privacy Act of 1974 and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Public reporting burdens for the different components of the Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (OMB No. 0648-0052) are estimated as shown in the following table:

Survey Component	Estimated Burden per Response	
Household Telephone Survey - Fishing Households	7.0 minutes	
Household Telephone Survey - Non-Fishing Households	1.0 minute	
Household Telephone Survey - Non-Household Contacts	0.5 minute	
Intercept Survey of Catch per Unit Effort	4.5 minutes	
Intercept Survey Interview Verification Calls	1.5 minutes	
Economic Household Telephone Survey	3.0 minutes	
Economic Intercept & Telephone Follow-Up Survey	8.0 minutes	
Economic Intercept & Mail Follow-Up Survey	15.0 minutes	
Vessel Directory Development and Maintenance	2.0 minutes	
Vessel Operator Telephone Survey of Fishing Effort	7.0 minutes	
Vessel Operator Verification Calls	2.0 minutes	
Economic Vessel Operator In-Person Survey	60.0 minutes	
Economic Vessel Operator Telephone Survey	8.0 minutes	
Biological Data Collection	1.0 minutes	

Estimated burdens include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding these burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burdens, to:

Fisheries Statistics and Economics Division, F/ST1
Office of Science and Technology
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway, Room 12455
Silver Spring, MD 20910

ATTACHMENT 8

CHARTER AND HEAD BOAT FISHING QUESTIONNAIRE Draft Questionnaire for 2002

If no instructions are specified next to a response, continue to the next question. ------ Introduction-----Hello, my name is {interviewer's name}. I'm calling for a survey being conducted for the National Marine Fisheries Service of the United States Department of Commerce. Your participation in this survey is voluntary, unless you have a federal charter/headboat fishing permit for the Gulf of Mexico reef fish and/or Gulf of Mexico coastal migratory pelagic fisheries. That permit would be not renewed if you refuse participation. Your responses will be treated as confidential records under the Privacy Act of 1974 and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. 01 Am I speaking to {selected contact name}? 1 yes 2 no [If Q1 = no, ask] May I please speak to {{selected contact name}? {proceed to Q2} 1 ves 2 no [If Q1a = no, ask] O1b Is {selected contact name} still the correct vessel representative for the {boat name}? {attempt to schedule a callback} 1 ves 2 no [If Q1a = no, ask] Are you the correct vessel representative to provide details for the {boat name}? {proceed to Q2} 1 yes 2 no [If Q1b = no, ask] Do I need to contact someone else to obtain that information? 1 yes {try to obtain contact information or get lead} 2 no O1d [If Q1c = no, ask] Is the {boat name} still being operated by someone else? 1 {try to obtain contact information or get lead} yes

{probe for information on why and how long vessel

will be inactive - go to QT16}

2

no

Q2 Are you still the captain, owner or designated representative of the {boat name}?

1 yes
2 no {go to Q1d}

All charter and headboat vessels that have a federal charter/headboat fishing permit for Gulf of Mexico reef fish and/or Gulf of Mexico coastal migratory pelagics are now required by law to participate in the charter and head boat fishing questionnaire if selected.

- QXa Does your vessel have a federal charter/headboat fishing permit for Gulf of Mexico reef fish and/or coastal migratory pelagic fisheries?
 - 1. Yes

2. No {Go to Q3)

QXb May I continue with the survey?

1. Yes {Go to Q3}

2. No

 $QXc \quad [If QXb = no, ask]$

By choosing not to participate in the survey, we must remind you that your federal charter/headboat fishing permit for Gulf of Mexico reef fish and/or coastal migratory pelagic fisheries will not be renewed. Do you now wish to continue with the survey?

1. Yes {Go to Q3}

2. No

Thank you for your time. At this time I must notify you that your name and vessel will be reported to National Marine Fisheries Service as noncompliant with the mandatory charter and head boat reporting requirement. Any further questions regarding the status of your federal charter/headboat fishing permit for Gulf of Mexico reef fish and/or coastal migratory fisheries must be directed to the NMFS Southeast Regional Office Permits Team.

Q3 Can you give me the details of the activity of {boat name} during the last week, including financial information including revenues and costs for these trips {Monday - date - through Sunday - date}?

1 yes

2 no {got to Q1c}

We're surveying owners and operators of charter and head boats to collect data needed to estimate total marine recreational fishing trips by individual anglers. The {boat name} has been selected at random form a directory of charter and head boats to be included in this week's survey of trips.

I would like to ask you a few questions about trips made last week by the {boat name}. This data will remain confidential. This survey is being conducted in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, therefore you are not obligated to answer any question if you find it to be an invasion of your privacy.

This call may be monitored or recorded for quality control. These quality control measures let us ensure your data are recorded accurately and helps us find ways to improve the survey.

- Q4 During the last week {Monday, date, through Sunday, date} how many saltwater fishing trips targeting finfish did the {boat name} take with paying passengers?
 - 0-21 record response
 - 98 don't know {go to termination screen, code as resistant} 99 refused {go to termination screen, code as resistant}
- Q5 How many of these trips consisted of more than 1 day of fishing?
 - 0-1 record response
 - 98 don't know {go to termination screen, code as resistant} 99 refused {go to termination screen, code as resistant}
- ------Trip Profiling------

After the total number of trips are determined the CATI program loops through each day of the week to see if a trip or trips were made. Interviewers must have a calendar available to help respondents with dates, particularly with weekend dates.

Let's begin with last Sunday {date} and we'll work our way back to Monday {date}. I have a calendar with me if necessary.

- QT1 Did your trip take any saltwater fishing trips with paying passengers that ended on Sunday {date}?
 - 1 yes
 - 2 no
 - 8 don't know
 - 9 refused
- QT2 How many saltwater fishing trips did {boat name} take with paying passengers that ended on Sunday {date}?
 - 0-3 record response
 - 8 don't know
 - 9 refused

Now let's talk about the first trip the {boat name} took with paying passengers that ended on Sunday {date}.

- QT3 Did passengers pay as a group to charter the boat or did passengers pay on a per-head basis for fishing space on the boat?
 - passengers chartered boat as a group (charter boat mode)
 - 2 passengers paid on a per-head basis for fishing space (head boat mode)
 - 8 don't know

	9	refused	
QT4		ling captain and crew, how many people went to fish on this trip? record response don't know refused	
QT5	1 2 8 9	all of the {number for QT4} people fish on the trip?" yes no don't know refused	
	How n	[If QT5 = no] nany of those {QT4 people} did not fish on the trip? record response don't know refused	
QT6	Was th 1 2 8 9	yes no {probe for state} don't know refused	
QT7	From	what county was the trip taken?	
QT8	Was thaccess 1 2 8	as this trip taken from a marina, dock or launch ramp to which the public normally has cess? yes no don't know refused	
QT9	What is on this 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9	Fishing method or methods (trolling, bottom-fishing, casting or drifting) were used trip? trolling bottom-fishing casting fly-fishing other drifting don't know refuse	

QT10 What was the primary target species for that trip? Record response {list will be provided}

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97 anything/no particular	19 crevalle jack	39 ling
species	20 croaker (atlantic)	40 little tunny
04 albacore	21 dolphin	41 MACKEREL
05 aj/amberjack	22 DRUM	42 mahi mahi
06 barracuda (great)	23 florida pompano	43 mako shark
07 BASS	24 FLOUNDER	44 MARLIN
08 BILLFISH	25 fluke	45 MULLET
09 black drum	26 gafftopsail catfish	79 Nassau grouper
76 black grouper	27 gag	46 POMPANO
10 BLACKFISH	28 gray snapper	47 pompano dolphin
11 blacktip shark	29 greater amberjack	48 red drum
12 blue marlin	30 GROUPER	49 red grouper
13 bluefish	31 gulf flounder	50 redfish
14 BONITO	32 gulf kingfish	51 red snapper
77 bream	33 hardhead catfish	52 rockfish
15 CATFISH	34 irish pompano	53 sailfish (atlantic)
16 cero (seer-o)	35 JACK	54 SEATROUT
17 channel catfish	36 king	55 SHARK
18 cobia	37 king mackerel	56 sharpnose shark
78 cod	38 KINGFISH	57 sheepshead

QT11 Was most of your fishing effort on that trip in the ocean, a river, a sound or a bay?

- 1 ocean
- 2 sound
- 3 river
- 4 bay
- 5 other
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

QT11a [If QT11 = river]

What river was that? Were you (was s/he) upstream or downstream of the cutoff point, which is {read cutoff}?

- 1 upstream {trip is freshwater and not eligible, go to next trip}
- 2 downstream
- 8 don't know
- 9 refused

QT11b [If QT11 = ocean]

Was most of your fishing effort less than or greater than 3 miles from shore?

- 1 ocean
- 2 sound
- 3 river

- 4 bay 5 other 8 Don't Know 9 Refused QT12 At what time (to the nearest ½ hour) did your boat return from that trip? 0030-2400 record response in military time 9998 don't know 9999 refuse QT13 To the nearest half-hour, how much time was spent actively fishing with gear in the water? 0.5 - 24.0record response 99.8 don't know 99.9 refuse QT14 Did this trip cover more than one day of fishing? 1 {ask: How many days of fishing occurred on this trip? Record number of yes fishing days. Split into individual day trips on consecutive days with equal fishing hours.} 2 no {record number of fishing days as 1 } QT15 During the last week, did your boat make any additional trips? This would include any commercial or private fishing trips, as well as any non-fishing trips for fuel, bait or other activities? 1 {ask number of trips and record} yes 2 no QT15a [If QT15 = yes] On what days did each of these additional boat trips occur? 1 Sunday 2 Monday 3 Tuesday 4 Wednesday 5 Thursday 6 Friday 7 Saturday 8 Don't Know 9 Refused
- QT16 Did you receive notification from us that you would be contacted for this interview?

 1 yes
 - 2 no {ask for correct mailing address and briefly explain that

notification will be sent prior to any later contacts and continue.

QT17 In case the {boat name} is selected again for this survey, at what time of day would you prefer to be called?

0030-2400 {Record preferred time as military time}

I would like to thank you for participating in our survey and please have a nice day.

- (B) minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided;
- (12) assess the type and amount of fish caught and released alive during recreational fishing under catch and release fishery management programs and the mortality of such fish, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable, minimize mortality and ensure the extended survival of such fish;
- (13) include a description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery and, to the extent practicable, quantify trends in landings of the managed fishery resource by the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors; and
- (14) to the extent that rebuilding plans or other conservation and management measures which reduce the overall harvest in a fishery are necessary, allocate any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors in the fishery.

97-453, 99-659, 101-627, 102-251, 104-297

- **(b) DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS.**--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, may--
- (1) require a permit to be obtained from, and fees to be paid to, the Secretary, with respect to--
 - (A) any fishing vessel of the United States fishing, or wishing to fish, in the exclusive economic zone [or special areas,]* or for anadromous species or Continental Shelf fishery resources beyond such zone [or areas]*;
 - (B) the operator of any such vessel; or
 - (C) any United States fish processor who first receives fish that are subject to the plan;
- (2) designate zones where, and periods when, fishing shall be limited, or shall not be permitted, or shall be permitted only by specified types of fishing vessels or with specified types and quantities of fishing gear;
- (3) establish specified limitations which are necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery on the--
 - (A) catch of fish (based on area, species, size, number, weight, sex, bycatch, total biomass, or other factors);
 - (B) sale of fish caught during commercial, recreational, or charter fishing, consistent with any applicable Federal and State safety and quality requirements; and

- (C) transshipment or transportation of fish or fish products under permits issued pursuant to section 204;
- (4) prohibit, limit, condition, or require the use of specified types and quantities of fishing gear, fishing vessels, or equipment for such vessels, including devices which may be required to facilitate enforcement of the provisions of this Act;
- (5) incorporate (consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, and any other applicable law) the relevant fishery conservation and management measures of the coastal States nearest to the fishery;
- (6) establish a limited access system for the fishery in order to achieve optimum yield if, in developing such system, the Council and the Secretary take into account--
 - (A) present participation in the fishery,
 - (B) historical fishing practices in, and dependence on, the fishery,
 - (C) the economics of the fishery,
 - (D) the capability of fishing vessels used in the fishery to engage in other fisheries,
 - (E) the cultural and social framework relevant to the fishery and any affected fishing communities, and
 - (F) any other relevant considerations;
- (7) require fish processors who first receive fish that are subject to the plan to submit data (other than economic data) which are necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery;
- (8) require that one or more observers be carried on board a vessel of the United States engaged in fishing for species that are subject to the plan, for the purpose of collecting data necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery; except that such a vessel shall not be required to carry an observer on board if the facilities of the vessel for the quartering of an observer, or for carrying out observer functions, are so inadequate or unsafe that the health or safety of the observer or the safe operation of the vessel would be jeopardized;
- (9) assess and specify the effect which the conservation and management measures of the plan will have on the stocks of naturally spawning anadromous fish in the region;
- (10) include, consistent with the other provisions of this Act, conservation and management measures that provide harvest incentives for participants within each gear group to employ fishing practices that result in lower levels of bycatch or in lower levels of the mortality of bycatch;

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- (11) reserve a portion of the allowable biological catch of the fishery for use in scientific research; and
- (12) prescribe such other measures, requirements, or conditions and restrictions as are determined to be necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery.

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